

Coal Creek Watershed Coalition

Minutes: July, 20 2006

Crested Butte Town Hall

The meeting began at 4 PM.

Attendees: Anthony Poconi, Tyler Martineau, Steve Glazer, John Almy, Harvey Castro, Eddy Balch, Susan Parker, Larry Adams.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

1. August and Sampling Event

Our sampling sites for the August 16th sampling have been confirmed with Christina Progers of the EPA. One site was added to the initial list developed in the spring. Another site above Irwin (IR-01) could be rotated in during the October 10th sampling.

Limitations related to a regular, trained crew of samplers and access to some sites in April may eventually lead to us amending our water management plans' sampling sites.

John Almy offered up fish-shocking data from the United States Forest Service (USFS).

The EPA will analyze the samples for most of the analytes with Dale Piccard at the City of Gunnison's lab waste water treatment plant processing samples for E. coli.

Larry mentioned ACZ Labs in Steamboat for processing oil and grease analysis. Their analysis would give qualitative results (presence/absence) results versus quantitative results (ppm, etc.).

Stream flow measures will need to be accurate to determine the loading coming in from tributaries and other sources. John Almy mentioned pressure transducers would generate accurate data at a cost of \$1000 each. The Coalition discussed the pros and cons of using this system with no decision being made.

2. Standard Mine Advisory Group (SMAG) Discussion

The Coalition discussed of the road improvements, repository site locations, and site work. Concerns and issues related to these items were raised at the SMAG meeting immediately preceding the CCWC meeting.

3. Technical Assistance Grant (TAG) Update

There is a need to move forward on the application for the TAG. In the meantime it would be helpful to have someone review the EPA's geotechnical analysis of the repository sites and the human health risk assessment recently released by ASTDR.

4. Coal Creek Watershed Protection Ordinance (CCWPO)

Wes Light, a previous Town of Crested Butte Employee, helped create the CCWPO. If the Coalition is to ever use the CCWPO it must be held up in court. Steve asked Eddy to familiarize himself on the

history of the ordinance, its enforcement, and permits issued. Proper documentation of paperwork and permits will strengthen the CCWPO if it is challenged in court.

John Almy presented possible conflicts with the Town dictating permits to the USFS on USFS lands. Steve G. mentioned a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the USFS requesting them to require a permit from the Town of Crested Butte to ensure activities in the watershed would not impact Coal Creek.

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 PM.